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Charles W. Steger  
President,  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear President Charles W. Steger:

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff at Vanier College in Montreal, I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the families and communities who have lost loved ones during the recent events at Virginia Tech, to those who have been wounded, to the faculty and staff who have lost beloved colleagues and friends and to the entire Virginia Tech community that is grieving. No matter where they are located, members of the educational community all share the same values and goals for their students and are part of a family. When one family member is hurt, we all feel it. Words cannot adequately express the shock, sadness and the sense of loss we feel with Virginia Tech. The Vanier College flag will fly at half mast as a symbol of our support.

Sincerely,

**Gilbert Héroux**

Director General  
Vanier College